

POLAND VIES WITH TURKEY

## UN Deadlocked Over Security Council Seat

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — The General Assembly last night postponed voting on candidates to the third vacant seat in the Security Council after 13 successive ballots ended in a deadlock between Poland and Turkey.

Earlier, Ceylon was elected to succeed Canada as the British Commonwealth's representative and Ecuador was chosen to succeed Panama. Ceylon received 72 and Ecuador 77 votes. A two-thirds majority—54 votes—is required for election, which is by secret ballot. Members are elected for a two-year term.

## India Opposed To Debate on Tibet

UNITED NATIONS (Reuters). — Mr. V.K. Krishna Menon, India's Defence Minister and chief U.N. Delegate, told a television audience in New York yesterday that a full-scale debate on Tibet in the U.N. General Assembly could not lead to any constructive action.

"It would bring cold war issues into the debate and create an unfavourable atmosphere for talks on other questions," he said in reply to questions from a panel of university students.

For these reasons Mr. Menon said he believed that the Afro-Asian group in the U.N. did not favour discussion of Tibet, adding: "And it is not only the Afro-Asian group who believe this."

## Expected To Agree

Most U.N. delegates expect the Assembly to agree to discuss the question following its Steering Committee's acceptance on Friday of a move by Ireland and Malaysia to put Tibet on the Assembly's agenda.

The Dalai Lama, exiled ruler of Tibet, appealed to the U.N. yesterday to help secure a future of peace and justice for Tibet.

In a statement circulated among delegates, he said he had heard with concern the expression of doubt that consideration of the Tibetan appeal by the Assembly might "add to international tension."

## Want Only Peace

"The Tibetan people have never sought to increase international tensions, but only to be allowed to live their own lives in peace," he said.

Mr. Gyalo Thondup, brother of the Dalai Lama, said in an interview published yesterday that he and his brother were disappointed at Asian reluctance to help them.

In an interview with the New York Times, Mr. Thondup said that fear and lack of understanding seemed to be responsible for the Asian attitude. Some of Tibet's neighbors had little knowledge of conditions in Tibet.

He also expressed hope that India would support Tibet in the U.N.

## U.S.: No Comment On Turkey Rocket Base

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — The State Department would make no comment yesterday on reports that Turkey had agreed to the establishment of an Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile base on its soil.

The Department's spokesman, Mr. Lincoln White, told questioners at his press briefing: "Various discussions have been underway for some time to implement the decision of the NATO Heads of Government of December, 1957, that I.R.B.M.'s will have to be placed at the disposal of the Supreme Allied Command in Europe."

"Until detailed arrangements with the NATO military authorities and the governments concerned have been completed I have no comment to make," he said.

They have until Friday to report to the President, after which Mr. Eisenhower will ask the Attorney General to seek a court injunction to send the men back to work for 30 days under the Taft-Hartley Law while efforts for a settlement continue. But Dr. George Taylor, chairman of the group, gave strong indication that the panel will seek to bring both sides together and mediate the dispute.

The President of the United Steelworkers Union, told the board yesterday that his half-a-million strikers are forced back to work by a court injunction, they may strike again when it expires after 30 days. "The union will not be beaten," he said.

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## U.S. Scientists Urge Study of Arms Cuts

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — A group of leading American scientists, including two Nobel Prize winners, proposed on Sunday that President Eisenhower should set up a scientific agency to study the technical problems of disarmament.

The chairman of the group, Dr. Ernest Pollard, head of the Biophysics Department at Yale University, announced the proposals at a press conference said: "These studies would make realistic suggestions for meeting the technical problems of disarmament and meeting them in a professional way on a solid basis."

Dr. Pollard said one of the possibilities would be the development of unmanned and autonomous stations which could report nuclear explosions.

The agency would tackle disarmament first but later might broaden its scope to such problems as assistance to developing nations and might ultimately become an international body, he added.

## Soviet Pledge To East Germany

BERLIN (Reuters). — Mr. Frol Kozlov, Soviet Deputy Premier, said yesterday that those who still had ideas of getting rid of the German Government should remember that the whole Socialist camp stood behind "this outpost of Socialism in the West."

According to the East German news agency, ADN, Mr. Kozlov addressed these remarks to several thousand workers while touring a state-owned heavy engineering works at Magdeburg.

The agency said Mr. Kozlov was due to return to East Berlin today. He has been touring East Germany after attending the 10th anniversary celebrations last week.

In West Berlin yesterday, Major-General Roman Delcombe, British Commandant, told his Soviet opposite number that the flying of East German flags on overhead railway stations in West Berlin was a "provocation," a British announcement said.

Potential Danger

The announcement said Gen. Delcombe added that the Western Commandants were bound to take a serious view of any acts by East Berliners in West Berlin which might endanger public order. He called the flag raising a "potentially dangerous incident."

East German flags were hoisted on overhead railway stations in West Berlin last Tuesday as part of East Germany's anniversary celebrations.

In clashes between railway workers and police trying to haul them down, six policemen and four workers were reported injured.

On Wednesday the Western Commandants wrote to their Soviet opposite number, Colonel M. A. Odintsov, saying that incidents in Berlin should be avoided.

All the flags had gone by Friday.

East Berlin authorities operate the overhead railway, which runs throughout the city.

## 2 Die, 20 Wounded In Dahomey Riot

COTONDAH, Dahomey, French West Africa (Reuters). — Two people were killed and more than 20 injured here on Sunday before police could end fighting between rival political groups.

Police said the incidents were between followers of the Dahomey Republican Party (P.R.D.) which wants immediate independence, and the Dahomey Democratic Union (U.D.D.) committed to close ties with France.

The account went on to say that the Premier, who suffered a broken left arm and a hand wound when struck by three bullets, was driven to hospital in his bullet-riddled car, still holding his revolver and accompanied by two policemen, a soldier and four civilians who volunteered to join him.

Meanwhile, the Baghdad courier, imposed last week after the assassination attempt, was extended yesterday to the whole of Iraq, and is effective between 5 p.m. and 6 a.m. local time by order of the Military Governor.

An Arab News Agency report from Baghdad alleged, however, that 12 machine-guns had been used in the attempt on Kassem, and the assailants supposedly used tear-gas bombs against the police.

ANA also reported that the leader of the Iraqi Muslim Brotherhood Society, Sheikh Mohammed Mahmoud Sawaf, arrived in Aleppo from Baghdad on Saturday "in disguise." He had been in hiding after the Iraqi authorities had charged him with leading the demonstration which followed the execution of Col. Tabbak Jalil.

On Monday, the U.S. Soviet, Chinese, and other Ambassadors were received by President Kassem in Dar-El-Shifa Hospital.

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## Top Nazi Killer, Eichmann, Reported Living in Kuwait

HAIFA. — Adolf Eichmann, the man who was in personal charge of the extermination of millions of Jews during World War II, is said to be alive and now residing in Kuwait, the Persian Gulf sheikhdom.

The former head of the Gestapo's Jewish section disappeared at the end of the war and has not yet been found.

News of his reported whereabouts was received here by the Director of the Historical Documentation Centre, Mr. T. Friedman, in a letter from the Public Prosecutor of Baden-Wuerttemberg, Dr. E. Schuele, of Ludwigsburg.

Eichmann, 33, probably the greatest living enemy of the Jewish people and often described as "one of the monsters of humanity," held the rank of S.S. Colonel during the war, and was in direct charge of exterminating the Jews of Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Poland and Hungary.

He speaks fluent Hebrew and Yiddish and in 1937 was in this country for a few days, and later went to Egypt. He afterwards, became Hitler's chief adviser on the "Jewish problem," making plans for the establishment of ghettos and of gas chambers.

He was reported to have left Beirut for Israel, and another alleged leader, Eli Mizrahi, is still at large.

Meanwhile, in Damascus, the Syrian Special Security Court on Sunday acquitted two Arabs from the demilitarized zone along the Israeli border who were charged with espionage for Israel, ANA reported.

They were then sentenced for attempting to cross into Israel, one for one-and-a-half years, the other for three.

The trial of the eight Jews arrested recently in Damascus for allegedly attempting to enter Lebanon to get to Israel is scheduled to resume on October 21.

## Emergency Measures Eased in Ceylon

COLOMBO (Reuters). — An emergency ban on race meetings, cultural shows and fairs and religious processions was lifted in Ceylon yesterday.

The ban was part of emergency measures taken after the assassination of Solomon Bandaranaike, Prime Minister, on September 25.

Other regulations, banning political meetings, processions and demonstrations, imposing press censorship and reintroducing the death penalty, remain in force.

## Nazi Ex-Officer To Face New Trial

HAGEN, West Germany (Reuters). — The retrial of a former Army Officer, Ernst Moritz Kloenne, now a Ruhr industrialist, and two former S.S. Officers on charges of shooting 238 Russian and Polish forced labourers in 1945 began here yesterday.

Last March, a Karlsruhe Court sentenced Kloenne to 18 months imprisonment, and Wolfgang Wetling, a former S.S. judge, to five years imprisonment for complicity in the illegal killing of the prisoners.

Charges against a third S.S. man, Johannes Miesel, were dropped and three other accused were acquitted.

There was widespread newspaper criticism of the sentences as too light and, on appeal, by the public prosecutor, the high court ordered the retrial of Kloenne, Wetling and Miesel on charges of murder.

## CUBAN TROOPS SEIZE PARACHUTED ARMS

HAVANA (Reuters). — Cuban troops seized a quantity of arms, including light machine-guns and U.S.-made rifles, parachuted from a small plane near Pinar del Rio on Sunday, according to reports reaching here.

A number of arrests were made.

## Vital Debate on Algeria To Open in Paris Today

Debre May Reply to Rebels

By ISRAEL NEUMANN, Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — Prime Minister Michel Debre today opens the Fifth Republic's first great debate on the Algerian problem in the National Assembly with a declaration which is expected to constitute the official interpretation of the de Gaulle plan and, unofficially an answer to the insurgent National Liberation Front (F.L.N.).

Although the Premier will no doubt closely follow President de Gaulle's statement, observers are nevertheless eagerly awaiting his speech. It is believed that the terms in which it is couched and its emphasis may decisively influence developments in Algeria.

Political circles here are of the opinion that the F.L.N. leaders will now willingly accept an invitation to come to Paris to negotiate a ceasefire if the offer is not made in humiliating terms. Should the Debre speech be along the lines of the interview given in New York, Sunday night, by Foreign Minister Maurice Couve de Murville, and include an invitation to ceasefire talks, the F.L.N. may not only accept but propose a halt in hostilities for a limited period.

However, if M. Debre's speech is in line with the refusal to enter into political negotiations with the F.L.N., this would indicate that the backstage contacts have been fruitless.

The Government is assured of winning the vote of confidence for which M. Debre is expected to ask on the Algeria policy at the end of the three-day debate since it is avoiding economic issues. This will enable the Radicals and Socialists to vote for the motion. However, some independent and Algerian Deputies are preparing passionate attacks, accusing the Premier of disavowing his own declaration on Algeria.

MURVILLE INTERVIEW

In his filmed television interview in New York, M. Couve de Murville said that France is "prepared to discuss a ceasefire with all those who fight—and that of course means the F.L.N."

He added, however, that discussing the political future of Algeria was "something quite different." This, the Foreign Minister said, was a question to be decided by all Algerians, and France cannot

predetermine who is to speak for them by selecting the F.L.N.

A spokesman in New York of the Algerian national movement, Abdul Kader Chanderli, said that to his knowledge it was the first time that a Minister of the de Gaulle Cabinet had mentioned the F.L.N. by name in this context.

In Algiers on Sunday night, 15 persons received minor injuries, market stalls were overturned and car windows smashed, when off-duty paratroopers went to the Casbah following a grenade explosion in Algiers.

Several shots were fired as the paratroopers clashed with Muslims in the quarter. Military police and a unit of paratroopers on duty were called to restore order.

An official communiqué said yesterday that "extremist measures" would be taken against those responsible for the damage. Massu, military and civilian commander of the Algiers area, last night issued a communique in which he asked the population to keep calm in face of increased terrorist activity.

To Maintain Order

"Only exaggerated and ill-guided patriotism could lead some to cause trouble. The Army is responsible for maintaining order and it will maintain it," he said.

Usually reliable French sources said in Algiers yesterday that Tunisian troops recently intervened to stop fighting between units of Algerian insurgents, several of whom had mutinied in the Tadjerouine area, near the Tunisian-Algerian border.

The sources said the Tunisian troops went into action to protect the local population, and order was restored after screening operations, which lasted from September 25 to October 1.

About 300 Algerian insurgents were arrested, disarmed and interned in Thala.

(Reuters)

## Japan to Get U.S. Air-to-Air Missiles

TOKYO (Reuters). — Fourteen sidewinder air-to-air guided missiles will arrive in Japan this month from the U.S. The Japanese Defence Board said yesterday.

They will be the first missiles for Japan's Self Defence Force, and will not have nuclear warheads.

## SWEDISH DEFENCE MINISTER TO GAZA

CAIRO (Reuters). — Mr. Uven Anderson, the Swedish Defence Minister, arrived here yesterday on his way to pay a brief visit to the Swedish battalion at present serving with the U.N. Emergency Force in Gaza.

## Home-Made Firework Kills 5, Injures 140

CATANZARO, South Italy (Reuters). — A home-made firework killed five people and injured 140, 10 seriously, in a local village celebration on Sunday.

The firework, manufactured for Saints' Day celebrations in the hamlet of San Nicola di Crisna, fell into the thick of the crowd and exploded.

2 KILLED IN U.S. NAVY JET CRASH

ASHBURT, Hampshire (Reuters). — A Blackburn NA 20 Naval Strike jet aircraft crashed in the New Forest in Southern England yesterday, killing the crew of two.

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## NOTHING is quite so permanent, it has been observed, as a temporary arrangement. The reason, perhaps, is that one is inclined to feel that PERMANENT arrangements are not so serious as a temporary arrangement.

It is from this point of view that the policy of UNRWA, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East, can be understood. Year by year UNRWA declares that its funds are running out, and that some way must be found immediately to settle the refugees and to make them self-supporting. Earlier this year, the U.N. Secretary-General, Mr. Hammarskjöld, noted formally that the refugees could be settled in the Arab countries in which they have lived for the past 11 years. Nevertheless, in the end, the present temporary system is prolonged from year to year, the refugees continue their twilight existence, and the problem grows steadily larger.

Not even an international organization, with all the alibi of anonymity, could be so monstrous as to suggest that the world should accept the fact that what are said to be a million people should be robbed permanently of the right to work and freedom in the countries in which they find themselves, and in which a large proportion have been since childhood. It is only by maintaining the polite fiction that it is a temporary arrangement that this situation is tolerated. Could anyone accept as a permanent policy that deaths among the refugees in Jordan are not notified, so that the ration cards of tens of thousands of the deceased can be kept by their families? It scarcely improves the situation that UNRWA, in an attempt to enforce notification, meanwhile withholds new cards from infants, reckoning that the two factors roughly cancel each other out, even if the deaths and births are not necessarily in the same families.

Owing to the pull of forces within the U.N. itself, this organization and its subsidiaries, such as UNRWA, have a built-in inability to solve political questions. Some technical and administrative questions, for instance, could be looked after more successfully if UNRWA made its aid conditional of recognition of its organs there by the Egyptian Government. The latter declines to grant UNRWA agencies any official prerogatives, partly for reasons of prestige, but also in order to maintain full control of the refugees for whom it yet refuses to take any responsibility. To accept this is to indulge in the same lack of realism as the rulers of the Arab states themselves. An overpopulated and economically neglected Egypt has not much to offer its refugees now or later. That is not a temporary, but a permanent situation, and there is little future for them unless UNRWA will assert its right to move a large proportion of them out in time.

In Jordan and the Lebanon, on the other hand, a good many of the refugees have contributed to find openings for themselves within the local population, from which nothing divides them, in some cases, except that they are still able to collect their UNRWA rations and can therefore afford to work for a little less money than others. These are also permanent and not temporary factors. If no U.N. agency can muster up the courage to look at the present situation and reasons it honestly, the Arab states will be burdened by "refugees" for many more years.

### 12 Children Drown

RIO DE JANEIRO (Reuters). — Twelve children were drowned on Sunday while swimming on a beach near a leper settlement where their parents are patients, the Brazilian news agency reported.

## The American Scene

By Patrick O'Donovan

### Mr. K's Inspired Report on U.S.

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN

WASHINGTON (OFNS). — NOW that Mr. Khrushchev is home at last, he will presumably make a report to his President that will be a little different from what he said in China. In Peking he called with the utmost propriety for an end to the cold war. In Moscow, his colleagues will want to know what really happened in the U.S. since, even in Moscow, you cannot believe everything you see in the papers.

No confidential information of his intended report has been issued to the Washington Press, and none is expected. But it could possibly be something on these lines — omitting the "old Russian sayings" and presuming that the most exhausted of the Marxist clichés are no longer used among intelligent men in private. A 14-point direct-report could, then, run on these lines:

(1) I was surprised to find that almost all of what my Ambassadors and emissaries have reported to me from America is true. The resident correspondents of Tass and "Pravda" had better be replaced. They have served us well and should be given good positions, perhaps in the department of Western fiction in the State publishing house.

(2) The U.S. Government: We found little to surprise us here. The Government is controlled by Mr. Eisenhower — who, although less efficiently and swiftly than in the case of your chairman (me) generally gets his way in the end.

(3) American politicians: I did not meet many of them. Preoccupied with the continual problem of getting re-elected, they seldom say or do anything but the safest things. Most of them seemed to go into hiding at the prospect of meeting me. Some were elaborately rude, but I found no difficulty in answering them since they are not used to real controversy, to being shouted at, and to facing a conviction that is the equal of their own. Nor did they seem to know the correct arguments for their side. They should be encouraged, when in Russia, to continue to boast about electric broilers and flush toilets. It is most offensive.

(4) Public opinion: Curiously similar to ours. The people have not been taught to talk of peace; indeed, the word causes a sort of embarrassment. It is used too often (what a ham Nixon was in Russia to keep using it) but they do not want war. They are more progressive than their politicians. We must consider the fact that if we have ever to return to the former hard

line, they will be deeply shocked and may react with a colossal outburst of military spending, research and energy.

(5) The Press: All but inexpressible. Although naturally hostile and dishonest, they will publish anything if they think it news. My wife was a great success. They delight in friendliness and can be disarmed by laughter. Note: Maybe it would be better to replace Gromyko as Foreign Minister. Someone capable of smiling and with a large and charming family should be given the job.

(6) The police: They all ride motorcycles, are heavily armed, and have little contact with the people, who resent the noise they make. Their control over crowds is absolute; they have no control over the Press.

(7) Religion: This exists in America, and there is no harm in being polite about it. It is not, however, of the profound Russian variety; it will not greatly influence policy and is not therefore a serious danger. Watch out for Cardinals though, they can be distinguished by scarlet buttons and large gold crosses. It is too easy to invite Cardinal Spellman to Moscow.

(8) Skates and Comics: (a) Culture: None. Russian ascendancy in this respect can be best maintained by continuing to ask ice-skating groups and comedians to Russia while sending them our ballet and opera troupes. Watch out for their films, they could demoralize the army, any army, if what I saw in Hollywood was a fair sample.

(9) Standard of living: This, of course, is high, and we must hesitate to achieve such a standard until there are no military dangers or worthwhile adventures left. People so comfortable will not willingly become soldiers (see para 4). Their diet, though lavish, is as monotonous as ours. Even I dieted on a daily diet of

shrimps, followed by chicken, followed by ice-cream. Their vodka is excellent, but this need not be admitted. Fortunately, there are still alums. Perhaps an illustrated book of a few selected cities might ram this point home.

(10) Efficiency: Great. Their During my tour of India the elephants always arrived on time. Not so in America where the planes were late, the cars stalled, the lifts stuck and no one seemed to know what would happen next. Future Russian visitors to America should note that frequent changes of programme and short notice are effective in furthering this impression.

(11) Allies: There is a lot of tedious talk about having to consult their allies. This means: "What will Adenauer say?" Time will take care of that one.

(12) Labour Unions: Very dangerous. They have strong convictions and are very anti-Communist. They also answer back. Stick with the large capitalists, their political convictions are vaguer and they prefer to talk business, not principles. They are capable of taking care of their own unions.

(13) Farms: These are excellent, and as in Russia, depend for their survival on Government control and subsidies. The American farm may be taken as a vindication of the Russian system. There are even signs of incipient collectivization in the massing of large holdings in the hands of landlords interested only in efficiency.

(14) General: The Americans bear a surprising resemblance to the Russians. They like work, are intrigued by foreigners and anything new, inhabit a vast country, are fascinated by technology, react fiercely and cannot see that they are wrong. They are naturally friendly. Contacts had therefore better be kept at a cultural and official level for the foreseeable future.



Everybody's happy in this picture of the recent meeting between Mr. K and Mr. Mao Tse-tung at Peking.

## Readers' Letters

### HOTELIER'S INVITATION

Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — I read with great interest "Hotel Employees' letter in your issue of September 26. As one of the senior members of our trade in Israel, may I be permitted to reply to a few of his remarks.

Is your correspondent not aware that, at least at the Sharon Hotel, but I am sure also in most of the luxury hotels, the old rule of "full board only" has long been abolished? Every guest can choose between bed and breakfast, half board or full

board. A tariff listing all these terms is clearly displayed at the desk, and the reception clerk is instructed to explain the terms to guests checking in.

I do not want to go into details of your correspondent's accusations about overcharging; a mistake is always possible. But what he says is very nearly grossly exaggerated.

The question of separate bills for hotel and dining-room and paying direct to the waiter is not easily solved. It would cause a book-keeping considerably and as soon as we can find a

## THE DAY OF ATONEMENT



"Some by fire and some by water..." (From the Atonement-Day Prayer) By arrangement with "Ma'ariv"

## SUNDAY'S PRESS

### No Success Like Success

Hahoker (General Zionist) writes that this is the first time in 60 years that the British electorate has called upon the same party to hold office for three successive terms, which signifies that the Labour philosophy and doctrine — once considered by the masses as the solution to all social and economic ills — have not stood the test of reality, and that the people are beginning to rely more on methods and trends based on liberal thinking. It would not be an exaggeration to apply the same lesson to Israel. Hamodia (World Aguda) also notes that the Socialist star is on the wane, and not in England, but in Israel. The Labour party should be a pointer to us in our own elections. Will our Labour parties accept defeat in as gentlemanly a fashion as Mr. Gaiskell has done? Here's what the British Labour has never stood up in good stead, from the days of the White Papers onwards to the Suez Operation. It is the Tories with whom we have been able to come to terms, and it is not too rash to say that this party contains the seed of a better understanding between Israel and Great Britain. And if the Israel voter too sends Labour into the opposition, then the prospects for deeper understanding between us and the rest of the world will be still brighter. Davar (Histadrut) writes that the Tory slogan "You have never had it so good" is well founded.

satisfactory solution we shall introduce this system.

I wonder that your correspondent, as a hotel employee, has not noticed the fact that the staff of the hotel have been promoted from the rank and file. As a hotel employee with 10 years' experience in Israel hotels, I and other staff of the hotel should be known to him.

I am entirely willing to discuss with your correspondent all the questions mentioned in his letter. If he does not wish to disclose his identity, I am willing to have that discussion privately and confidentially.

Yours, etc.

HARRY LEVY  
General Manager  
Sharon Hotel, Herzliya-on-Sea,  
Honorary President of Israel Caterers Association, Tel Aviv  
Tel Aviv, September 22

### DOLLAR PREMIUM

Editor, The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — It may be justified that the dollar-linked securities — except for the Tavei Dollar — should "enjoy" the rate of IL1,800 per dollar. They all were paid with Israeli currency. But the Tavei Dollars originated from the expropriation of American and British securities at a time when the Treasury was extremely short of foreign currency. This is not the case today. In reality the Tavei Dollars were paid with real dollars; their holders — i.e. their original ones — should be considered. Therefore it would be just to grant the Tavei Dollar holders a premium. They had forcibly "sold" their American securities at prices far below the present prices of U.S. stocks.

Yours, etc.

DR. H. LEVY  
Jerusalem, August 26

### Treasury Replies

It is true that Tavei Dollars were issued in connection with and as a result of the expropriation of foreign securities from Israel residents at the time.

In accordance with the law, the owners of these securities were to be compensated in Israel Pounds but they were given the option of receiving instead an equal sum of Tavei Dollars at the same par value. Since then, the value of these Tavei Dollars has risen several times and many of these Tavei Dollars have passed out of the hands of their original owners.

We do not see any reason or justification for giving owners of Tavei Dollars a premium, even if your cor-

## MARGINAL COMMENT

### After Kassem, the Deluge

By Nissim Rejman

THE condition of Iraq since the July 14 coup d'état last year has seldom been summed up with more brevity and eloquence than it was by Kassem himself last Wednesday night in a hour or so after his miraculous escape from assassination. Broadcasting to the Iraqi people from his hospital bed, Kassem said: "These traitors wanted to get rid of me so that the people would be left without leadership and become totally divided among themselves." Whether or not it was he who willed it, the truth is that following the downfall of the old regime in Iraq a vacuum was created which was so total and so dangerous that Kassem, who is after all no more than a clever conspirator and assassin, has come to be regarded as the only cohesive force in Iraq which can keep the country literally from falling to pieces. This is now universally acknowledged both in Iraq and in other countries, so much so that governments as remote in their sympathies and inclinations from Baghdad as those of Persia, Turkey, Pakistan and the U.S. now shower Kassem with lavish praise and express honest concern about his well-being.

THIS is a remarkable achievement. But how has Kassem managed to make himself so indispensable to the Iraqis? How has he come to be "the sole leader," "the saviour" and "the faithful commander"? The answer to the question must be sought in two sets of causes, one reposing in Kassem's own character and the other in some intrinsic characteristics of modern Iraqi society and politics. Iraq has always been a difficult country to rule; its peculiarly as an amalgam of races, religions and religious sects makes it well-nigh impossible to reconcile the various sections of the population and their widely opposing interests and demands. The relative liberalism and welcome ineptitude of her past rulers, especially the Ottomans, allowed for a large measure of self-rule whereby the various communities and races led their own lives, spoke their own languages and worried only about how much they had to pay in taxes and how best to avoid them by bribery and other tricks.

THROUGH trial and error, almost always accompanied by repression, misgovernment and widespread corruption in high places, the national government, which came after the termination of the British Mandate, managed somehow to

establish the rule of law. During the last decade of Hashemite rule in Iraq, a fairly successful attempt was made to build up the country through the construction of much-needed dams, bridges and roads, for which purpose a Development Board was created with a budget drawn from the oil royalties. It was estimated that in a matter of a few decades this work would have led to the reconstruction of agriculture and a fairer distribution of wealth. A bright and prosperous future was awaiting Iraq, therefore, when the impact of a new and reckless Arab nationalism, preached from Cairo and Damascus began to sweep the intelligentsia and the officers class and finally led to the bloody downfall of Hashemite rule. But with the old order, with its traditional restraints and its system of checks and balances, gone for ever, all the inherent rivalries came again to the surface; Kassem's rather romantic brand of democracy and liberty has not proved quite the best method of "capturing and holding power in Iraq. It was only his moderate and reconciliatory attitude — which for all we know may only be a sign of weakness and indecision — that made him so widely acceptable to the various classes and communities.

BUT there is another aspect to the present state of affairs. Kassem, whether through unwillingness or inability, has not succeeded in creating an alternative, or an heir to himself — a thing which every mortal ruler must worry about. At times, in fact, it looks as though he has deliberately arranged things in such a way that his disappearance would leave the country "without leadership." He early on got rid of his deputy, Colonel Aref; he never brought himself to forming a strong homogeneous cabinet capable of running the country; and, above all, he consistently refused to form the so-called revolutionary council on the Egyptian model which seems to have initially been manned by the Free Officers' Movement. His inability to choose between the two alternatives of the dictatorship of a Revolutionary Council or the democratic method of a cabinet chosen as a result of a parliamentary election has probably been the chief cause for strengthening the Communists, embittering the nationalists, and rendering him the sole leader, arbiter and the one remaining alternative to civil strife and anarchy.

## Lord Maugham Buys a Slave

LONDON (UPI). — LORD Maugham, just recovered from a serious illness, is back in London after investigating reports of slave trading in the French Sahara.

He says he discovered widespread slavery and has photographs to prove it. He is preparing a full report which he will present, with the photographs, to the House of Lords and probably to the United Nations.

After a long trek into the Sahara from Timbuctou, Lord Maugham bought a 30-

year-old slave boy for the equivalent of IL200 in francs. "His name was Ibrahim. I freed him immediately. I paid over the money," says Lord Maugham.

Lord Maugham is an expert on the Middle East. His only European companion on his investigation was Mr. Michael Davidson, an expert on West Africa. They spent three months on their investigation and travelled 8,000 kilometres through some of the wildest country in the world.

At Timbuctou, their first objective, they made contact with Arab chiefs who, they had been told, practise slavery and treat the men and women who belong to them with extreme cruelty. They won the confidence of a chief of the Touareg tribe who enabled them to see human slavery in all its horror.

"I met little slave boys and girls with swollen, empty bellies," says Lord Maugham.

A few days after they reached Timbuctou on their return journey, Lord Maugham and Mr. Davidson became seriously ill. Lord Maugham believes they were poisoned to try and prevent them disclosing the facts they had learned.

## KEEPING POSTED

A READER points out that the first reference to the Carmelit in Haifa occurs — naturally in Theodore Herzl's "Altneuland," the saga of Palestine in 1923, written in 1903, which seemed an excessively optimistic piece of nonsense at the time. Since then it had all been brought about, and even surpassed, except, of course, for the peace with the Arabs which Herzl foresaw. So wise a man, after all, could not have envisaged a state of non-peace for decades.

Our correspondent notes that a few years ago he gave a copy of Herzl's "Altneuland" fantasy together with a modern guide-book to Gentile tourists, who studied both with equal attention. The tourist said later that "Altneuland"

ALL this is mere escapism, indulged in because the contemporary scene is becoming obscured by election posters. An English weekly, the "Spectator," suggested at the end of the British campaign last week that voters change their party allegiance not so much because they are impressed or convinced by what the opposition speakers have to say, but because they are put off, "nauseated" by their word, by the speeches made by members of their own side. We feel that our election posters are a little like that. The General Zionists, for instance, have a little line in sadism that is all their own. One poster consists of the Mapai "Alph," drawn with a booted leg for one half of the symbol and a hammer for the other. The hammer is shown as having just bashed a starved-looking citizen on the head, while the boot has simultaneously kicked him a bit lower down. A companion poster shows a spider Ben-Gurion playing chess, picking up a little Pinhas Rosen by the head, and squeezing him painfully. Now these wish-dreams are those?

THE worst thing to be said about the posters of the religious parties is that they are so extremely wordy. Rooms and rooms of small print. Sometimes an important bit is shown through a magnifying glass, but it is still pretty small. The Aguda poster makes it plain that the party is exclusively concerned with religion and not with the State of Israel, which

might make Aguda voters wonder whether there is not a time to pray and a time to vote. Good Mapai, again, might well shudder at an extraordinary lapse of taste perpetrated by his party. This is in the form of a poster which reads "Hatima Tova" — which taken literally, means "a good signature" (i.e. one to be relied upon), but in fact is the good wish expressed before the Day of Atonement, hoping the recipient may be favourably inscribed in the Record at the end of the days of repentance. In this case the "Hatima Tova" is followed by Mr. Ben-Gurion's well-known signature, and with all due respect to his unique record as a prime minister, he would have done better not to let his name be exploited for so scratched a pun.

MAPAM, who have become increasingly confused by their unsuccessful love affair with the progressive forces, seem to have nothing to say at the moment and concentrate on large M's. As a sign of the times, however, the M is shown on a background that shades from a bright progressive red to a clear Zionist blue, leaving adherents free to choose which half of the letter they prefer. The Progressives also have nothing to say on their posters, but print their "P" on a background of diminishing white circles that are said by some to plot the political path this party has taken.

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It is a remarkable book and we enjoyed this opportunity of looking at it again. An old friend of ours, who made a collection of Utopian writings in his youth, used to find "Altneuland" a bit of a problem in the library. When things were going well in the Zionist world he would triumphantly put the book with the sober records of the Zionist congresses. When there was a setback, he would take it out and look at it again, and put it back with the Utopias. Now, it has had a safe and honoured place with the out-of-date Zionist writings for years.



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